



NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Salinas.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 4, 2024, the City of Salinas Community Development Department will submit a request to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of CDBG program funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Sherwood Recreation Center Rehabilitation Project – Phase IV for the purpose of rehabilitating the Old Municipal Swimming Pool Building, located at 920 North Main Street (APN: 003-231-002-000), and converting the facility into a recreation center for the community.

The City plans to allocate CDBG program funds approved through its Annual Action Plans spanning Fiscal Years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25. The CDBG allocation for the project under this CEST ERR is \$3,351,795.20. This amount includes hard construction cost, soft cost, and activity delivery. On October 10, 2023, City completed an Exempt ERR for soft costs and activity delivery on the project in the amount of \$600,000. The total CDBG funding allocation for the project is \$3,951,795.20.

Should there be a need for additional funds for the project, the City can increase funding by an additional 24.99% or \$987,553.62, in conformity with the City's HUD approved Citizen Participation Plan dated May 16, 2023. This could potentially bring the project's CDBG funds allocated to a total of \$4,939,348.82.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Salinas Community Development Department has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Salinas Community Development Department located 65 W Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901-2639 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M. The ERR can also be requested through mail. To receive a copy of the ERR by mail, please contact

Cristina Gonzalez, Community Development Analyst, at 831-758-7423 or by e-mail at housingwebmail@ci.salinas.ca.us.

The ERR is also available online at the following websites: <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews> and <https://www.cityofsalinas.org/Newsroom/Public-Notices>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Salinas Community Development Department located 65 W Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901 or by email to housingwebmail@ci.salinas.ca. All comments received by September 3, 2024, will be considered by the City of Salinas Community Development Department prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Salinas Community Development Department certifies to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Rene Mendez, Certifying Officer in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Salinas to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Salinas certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Salinas; (b) the City of Salinas has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD San Francisco Regional Office at One Samson Street, Suite 1200 San Francisco, CA 94104. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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